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SECSTATE FOR S/NM AMBASSADOR VANCE

ANKARA FOR ACTING R.D. MARIA.

HQS FOR EN/CASEY, FROM SAIC HURLEY

REF: A. ANKARA 5047 B. ANKARA 2729 C. ANKARA 2996

1. ARO CABLE 2729 ANSWERED IN KABUL 2731 OF 4/12/76.
 2. ARO REC'D KABUL 2731 SINCE IT WAS IN PART BASIS FOR DISCUSSION OF AFGHAN ENFORCEMENT PROGRAM DURING SAIC HURLEY VISIT TO ANKARA. PARIL 15, 16 AND 17, 1976.
 3. AS RESULT FOREMENTIONED DISCUSSION REF C (ANKARA 2996, SUBJECT AFGHAN ENFORCEMENT PROGRAM) WAS DRAFTED AND DISPATCHED TO DEA HQS.
 4. SAIC HURLEY VIEWED ANKARA 2996 AS RESOLUTION TO PROBLEMS ENCOUNTERED IN PAYMENTS OF REWARDS SUCH AS IN UF-76-0003. HE RETURNED TO KABUL CONFIDENT THAT HE COULD RESTORE DEA'S CREDIBILITY. HE WAS VERY OPIMISTIC AS EVENTS PROGRESSED IN LINE WITH DEA OBJECTIVES.
 5. THE RELUCTANCE TO PAY A REASONABLE REWARD UF-76-0006, HAJI RAHMATTULLAH, ET AL, AND DELAYS ENCOUNTERED IN APPROVAL OF OTHER REWARD PAYMENTS ONLY SERVE TO BOLSTER THE AFGHAN/UNNA
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OPINION THAT DEA ISN'T REALLY SINCERE IN ITS SUPPORT PROGRAM

6. AS EXPLAINED IN KABUL 4661 OF 6/20 (HAJI RAHMATTULLAH, ET AL) DEA KABUL STRIVES TO MEET DEA OBJECTIVES BY FURNISHING THE ABSOLUTE MINIMUM OF AVAILABLE RESOURCES. AS POINTED OUT IN REF C THE COST EFFECTIVENESS IS HIGHLY SUCCESSFUL.

7. THE INTRODUCTION OF DEA FUNDS INTO AFGHAN ENFORCEMENT PROGRAMS WAS DEA INITIATED AS ESSENTIAL IN FURTHERANCE OF DEA'S INTERNATIONAL OBJECTIVES. THE PE/PI FUNDING REMAINS THE MOST IMPROTANT INGREDIENT. THE FINESSE WE DEMPLOY IN PROVIDING THE FUNDS IS EQUALLY IMPORTANT.

8. KABUL D.O. VIEWS THE LARGE EXPENDITURES OF PE/PI FUNDS AS A TEMPORARY MEANS TO ENHANCE AFGHANISTAN'S ENFORCEMENT CAPABILITIES, WHILE SIMULTANEOUSLY MOVING AGAINST THE ILLICIT PRODUCTION.

9. THIS YEAR AND THE 76/77 OPIUM GROWING SEASONS WILL BE CRITICAL IN DETERMINING OUR ABILITY TO REDUCE PRODUCTION AND DISRUPT ILLEGAL TRAFFICKING.

10. IF WE WANT TO HAVE THE CAPABILITIES TO PROPERLY EVALUATE OUR PROGRAMS IN AFGHANISTAN, IT IS IMPERATIVE THAT DEA RESOLVE THE FUNDING ISSUE.

1. THE SAIC KABUL REQUEST ARO/HQS RESPONSES TO THE FOLLOWING QUESTIONS SO THAT A STABLE AND WORKABLE PROGRAM CAN BE UNDERTAKEN.

(1) DOES DEA INTEND TO PROVIDE PE/PI FUNDS FOR DEVELOPMENT OR FAGHAN ENFORCEMENT PROGRAM THRU TQ AND FY77?

A. IF SO, WHAT WILL BE THR REWARD SCHEDULE?

B. IF NOT, WHAT INCENTIVES CAN BE PROVIDED TO MOTIVATE INFORMENTS AND COUNTERPARTS? (WE CAN ASSUME THAT A PORTION OF REWARDS PAID HAS BEEN INSTRUMENTAL IN MOTIVATING COUNTERPARTS.)

C. IF REWARD FUNDS ARE PROVIDED, WILL THEY BE STRICTLY CONFIDENTIAL

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ON A QUANTITATIVE BASIS, OR CAN THE SAIC EVALUATE THE THE QUALITY OF A PROPOSED CASE AND SAFELY PROMISE ADDITIONAL REWARDS FOR QUALITY CASES INVOLVING HIGH LEVEL TRAFFICKERS.

12. KABUL SAIC OF OPINION THAT PRESENT REWARD OF 3.00 DOLLARS PER KG FOR OPIUM MUST BE INCREASED ON CASE-BY-CASE BAIS AND SHOULD BE DEEMED ABSOLUTE MINIMUM IF WE INTEND TO KEEP

UP PRESENT ENFORCEMENT MOMENTUM. FYI DEVALUATION OF AFS -
DOLLAR RATE REPRESENTS APPROX. 20 PERCENT DECREASE IN ACTUAL
REWARDS PAID TO INFORMANTS SINCE PROGRAM INITIATED.

13. THIS MESSAGE HAS THE ENDORSEMENT OF THE U.S. MISSIONS'S
EXECUTIVE NARCOTICS COMMITTEE.

14. A PROMPT RESPONSE WILL BE GREATLY APPRECIATED.
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